(b) the details of the total amount earmarked and provided by the Central Government during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan period for the upkeep and maintenance of such National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) 2148 kms. and 225 kms. of State roads in Bihar have been declared as National Highways during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan, respectively. At present, total length of National Highways in the State of Bihar is 3629 kms.

(b) Rs. 401 crore and Rs. 369 crore have been allocated for the State of Bihar during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan (till November, 2004), respectively for the upkeep and maintenance of National Highways.

Special package for Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana

†2354. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have renamed Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana as National Highway Development Phase-III;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce this scheme only in few state; and

(d) whether Government propose to prepare a special package for this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. "Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana" has been renamed as National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III. The name has been changed considering the fact that project will be implemented by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and will be an extension of NHDP Phase I and II.

(c) No, Sir. NHDP Phase III covers 28 States and 2 Union Territories.

(d) NHDP Phase III is proposed to be implemented on Build Operate Transfer (BOT) basis.

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